



Timely Tidbits ...

Romulus Schools To Fill Board Vacancy

Romulus Community Schools is looking for residents interested in filling the Board of Education vacancy created by trustee Celeste Roscoe's recent election to City Council. The term will expire on June 30, 2010.

Candidates should submit their name, résumé, and a letter of interest that explains their qualifications. Applications must be received by Carole Bales at the District's administrative office (36540 Grant Road) by Friday, November 20.

The Board Personnel Committee will screen candidates. Qualified candidates will be interviewed at a special meeting on Monday, November 30.

Call 734-532-1610 for info.

Dinner Aids Goodfellows

Basem and Samer Al-Nimri, co-owners of Romulus House, will continue a holiday tradition by serving pre-Thanksgiving dinner at their restaurant (corner of Wayne and Wick roads in Romulus) on Wednesday, November 25, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Each year, the brothers host the free holiday meal with two goals in mind: to feed people who can't afford a nice dinner with "all the trimmings" ... and to seek donations from those who can.

All are welcome.

Free Holiday Dinner #2

Wild Willy's Chill & Grill (6221 Middlebelt Road) is inviting everyone to come in on Thanksgiving Day for a traditional holiday dinner, which will be served beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome.

Free Holiday Dinner #3

There is no reason to be alone on Thanksgiving Day, thanks to the St. Constance Catholic Church family, who are inviting the public to enjoy a free Thanksgiving dinner – complete with ham, turkey, and all the trimmings – at the church (21555 Kinyon Street, east of Pardee Road) from 1 to 3:30 p.m.

All are welcome to eat and participate in fellowship and thanks.

To RSVP, call the church rectory at 313-291-4050. For a ride, call Pat Holland at 313-291-4050. □

Taylor, Romulus Mayors Discuss Future Plans at Inaugurals



(From left) Newly elected Mayor Jeffrey Lamarand, with his hand on a Bible held by his wife Mishelle, was inaugurated by 23rd District Court Judge Geno Salomone at Taylor City Hall on November 9. He told the packed house attending the ceremony that Taylor is turning the page on a new chapter of its story. "As we head down a path filled with many challenges that lie in front of us, I look to all of my fellow elected officials to stand with me and face these challenges head on. ... We have a tough task in front of us, but I am excited about the many opportunities we have. ... We will become stronger and healthier as a community."



Reelected Mayor Alan R. Lambert, who was sworn in during the City Inaugural held on November 9 at the Romulus Athletic Center, will be organizing a fiscal task force that will meet with the public to brainstorm creative ways to make the most of City funds. Photo by R. E. Kadau

Romulus Kicks Off Holiday Season with Visit from Santa

Be sure to set aside time in your busy holiday schedule to take part in some of the following seasonal events.

Santa's Coming!

The City of Romulus will kick off the holiday season on Friday, November 20, when Santa will make his official arrival just in time for the annual tree-lighting.

The fun will begin at Romulus Historical Park (11120 Hunt Street) at 5 p.m., when the Romulus Historical Commission and the Romulus Historical Society will open the museum and historic Kingsley house – both decorated for the season – to the public.

Community singing will begin in Historical Park at 6 p.m., followed by Santa's arrival about 20 minutes later, when Mayor Alan R. Lambert will present him with a "key to the city" and enlist his help to light the city tree.

Afterward, the Romulus Progressive Club will open Progressive Hall (11580 Ozga, near Five Points), where Santa will hear children's Christmas wishes. Featured attractions will include a train exhibit courtesy of the Lincoln Park Train Club (formerly the Trenton Train Club) and craft projects sponsored by B & L Automotive. Refreshments and gift bags for the children

will be provided courtesy of the Romulus Parks and Recreation Department.

(Optional) photos with Santa will be \$2 each. The remainder of the program is free to Romulus residents.

Tree-trimming Party at the Library

The Romulus Public Library's annual tree-trimming party is set for Saturday, December 5, at 11 a.m.

Those who attend will enjoy some good, old-fashioned fun (including the stringing of popcorn and cranberries for garland), and will also have a chance to make two ornaments – one for the library's tree and one to take home.

Other highlights will include a pizza feast and pictures with Santa.

Although there is no charge to participate, preregistration is required. For more information, call 734-942-7589.

Lunch/Story with Santa

Santa Claus will be at the Romulus Senior Center (36525 Bibbins) from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, to share lunch and a story with youngsters.

Cost (includes two pieces of pizza, chips, a craft, and story time) is \$4 per child. (Optional) pictures with Santa are \$2.

Register at the Rec Center (35765 Northline) by Thursday, December 3.

Goodfellows Donations, Applications

The city's busiest intersections will be "manned" by Romulus Goodfellows volunteers on Friday, December 4, and Saturday, December 5, to conduct the organization's annual newspaper drive for its "No Child Without a Christmas" mission. If you see a volunteer, please give generously; you'll be helping the less fortunate in your community enjoy a happy holiday.

The Goodfellows will also be accepting donations of cash, gift certificates, winter apparel, and new, unwrapped toys (among other items) through the beginning of December. Items may be dropped off at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) or Fire Station #4 (28777 Eureka Road) during normal business hours. Business owners and civic groups interested in "adopting" a family are being sought, as well. For information, call 734-942-7571.

Romulus residents who would like to receive help from the Goodfellows may fill out an application and return it any weekday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Romulus Police station located at 11165 Olive Street. (corner of Bibbins). The deadline for registration is Friday, December 4.

For information, call the Goodfellows Hot Line at 734-955-4577. □

Guest Commentary

Romulus Community Schools Students Use Public Service Event To Combat Hunger

By Kevin Mizzi, AmeriCorps VISTA representative for The LEAGUE at Romulus Community Schools

One "road trip" that no student should ever miss is "The Drive," a community-service project to help alleviate poverty, hunger, and homelessness. Now in its third year, The Drive was created by The LEAGUE, a national, not-for-profit, school- and Web-based youth service organization that encourages young people to make a positive difference in their communities. It educates, engages, and empowers students through service-learning projects that further develop their skills of leadership and good character, helping to develop our next generation of civic leaders.

Behind the wheel for this year's Drive event in Romulus are students and teachers from The LEAGUE team in the Romulus Community Schools. Last year, 36,000 students nationwide, including many of our students here locally, participated in The Drive and – across the nation – collected \$803,341 worth of food and clothing in just 21 days. This year, we're determined to beat that record, as the need is greater than

ever. We encourage all Romulus residents to join us. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of countless people.

The Drive will run through November 25, and every student in every school can participate. Students decide what to collect, how to collect the items, and where to distribute them. Students research their community needs to determine what items will be collected. Like in sports, classes score "points" for each item collected. The points are then converted into dollar values – demonstrating their economic impact on the community.

This year, each school in the district is participating for specific organizations in Metropolitan Detroit. Romulus Middle School and a number of elementary schools – including Barth, Cory, Halecreek, and Merriman – each are holding a drive, whether it is for food or clothing, which benefits the Helping Hand Thrift Shop in Romulus. Others will benefit Gleaners Community Food Bank in Taylor, Romulus Goodfellows, First Congregational Church of Flat Rock, Orchard Children Services, and Detroit Rescue Mission. □

Letter to the Editor

Working Together, Elected Officials and Citizens Can Move Romulus Forward

To the Editor:

I recently had the privilege of singing the National Anthem at the City of Romulus Inauguration ceremony held at the Romulus Athletic Center on November 9, 2009. I want to thank the City Council and City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg in particular for extending me this honor. I was thrilled to be able to serve my community in this capacity. However, I had the easy job (although you karaoke-phobes may not agree).

It is the candidates who put themselves out in front of the public eye and tirelessly campaigned for these positions who will now enter an even harder phase of the process and actually have to fulfill their campaign promises. I would like to say that they have all won highly coveted positions, but the truth is that very few people have the desire or the courage to seek public office. (Do I have to mention that few people participate in government even so far as to vote?) Quite often, it is a thankless job, and there are plenty of folks (many of whom probably *didn't* vote) just waiting for them to fail.

I personally believe that our new administration will indeed be able to do a good job for the City of Romulus. While

there is nothing wrong with personal ambition, I feel confident that our elected officials will put the needs of the community first. A great example of this is returning councilman Bill Wadsworth's unflagging efforts to bring a new animal shelter to our city. Despite the current economic situation facing our city and state, I believe our newly elected leaders are poised to move Romulus forward in the coming years.

However, the responsibility for our city's future does not lie solely with Mayor Alan Lambert or the City Council. They have positions of authority and responsibility within our city, but the fact of the matter is that it is indeed *our* city, and it is also up to the citizens to be active participants (not just complainers) in government and community affairs. A competent administration, even one with a strong vision for the future, cannot alone make our city great. That is up to all of us pulling together, especially in tough times.

The campaigning and elections are done. It's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work.

Stuart Kerr
Romulus □

Airport To Cut Costs with Wind Energy

Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) is reporting that it will further reduce its consumption of fossil fuels by producing its own wind energy at two locations on opposite ends of the facility.

According to a statement issued earlier this week, the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) Board approved a contract with Michigan-based Southern Exposure Renewable Energy Company to install five wind turbines at the airport entrance on Rogell Drive and at the South Cell Phone Lot on Eureka Road.

Unlike the traditional towering, three-blade, windmill-type turbines, the Wind-spire® units – manufactured by MasTech Manufacturing of Manistee, Michigan – are cylindrical, vertical-axis wind turbines that operate quietly while generating electricity for immediate use, regardless of wind direction. And, at just 30 feet in height, they easily fit within DTW's airspace limitations.

"We have calculated that the two units at the South Cell Phone Lot will, on average, generate 60% to 70% of the power needed for the lot's overhead lights and to illuminate the sign," said Ali Dib, WCAA Facilities and Infrastructure director. "On windy days and during daylight hours, we will be feeding electricity back to DTE Energy's grid."

The wind energy project is one of many environmentally friendly initiatives at the airport. DTW has been the world leader

in recycling aircraft de-icing fluid for eight of the past nine years. The new North Terminal is programmed to harvest daylight and automatically reduce lighting and cooling in terminal areas not in use. The North Terminal also supplies pre-conditioned air, 400hz of power, and underground jet fuel to each gate, which reduces the need for idling aircraft engines and excess vehicles on the ramp. This is expected to reduce emissions of various air pollutants by more than 1,300 tons over the expected life span of the building. Further, the airport has installed a solar panel and LED lighting prototype at the North Cell Phone Lot and established more efficient electrical fixtures in the parking structures, saving \$79,000 in energy costs annually.

In 1999, Detroit Metropolitan Airport received international acclamation for the creation of Crosswinds Marsh, a 1,000-acre wetland preserve constructed in Sumpter Township to replace airfield wetlands disturbed by runway and terminal construction. The preserve provides habitat for a variety of wildlife and offers public access and educational opportunities for children.

"Many other such initiatives are under way or planned for the future," said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson. "We continue to look for opportunities to be a friend to the environment while maintaining one of the most operationally capable airports in the world." □

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Wayne County Airport Authority Urges Legislature To Support Aerotropolis

Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson has told state leaders in Lansing that the proposed Detroit Region Aerotropolis offers a unique development opportunity worthy of statewide support.

In testimony provided before the Michigan House of Representatives Transportation Committee on November 5, Robinson acknowledged Aerotropolis opponents' concern that the legislature's special consideration of the Aerotropolis would necessarily hamper development elsewhere in the state, but clarified that, "The Aerotropolis does not compete with our core cities because its development focus is not the same."

"I understand that some communities worry that Michigan's core cities and communities will be unable to compete with the Aerotropolis for new development," he stated. "This assumption is false because what the Aerotropolis will attract are businesses that desire to operate next to a major, international, hub airport, which no other community in Michigan is ready to offer."

Robinson further asserted that the presence of two major airports – Detroit Metro and Willow Run – just seven miles apart, with plenty of developable land in between, not only positions Metro Detroit to lead the state's economic resurgence, but gives Michigan a competitive advantage against other aerotropolis developments nationwide.

The Aerotropolis, or "airport city", is a concept pioneered by John Kasarda, Dean of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise and Professor of Entrepreneurship at the University of North Carolina. It suggests that, as air travel has overtaken roads and shipping as the primary avenue of global trade, new urban cores have the potential to form around major international airports the way they once did on the banks of rivers and, later, around roads and highways.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has made the development of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis a central focus of his Administration, frequently citing the

jobs and economic opportunities such a development would bring.

According to the WCAA, aerotropolis-type developments have already been successful in Europe and Asia, as well as near Dallas/Ft. Worth, Louisville, and Memphis area airports. Robinson also pointed to a similar development, under way near Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, that has been constrained by the airport's inability to expand – placing Detroit, with its existing airfield capacity already surpassing Chicago, at a competitive advantage for airport-centered development.

The Airport Authority, which was created by the State Legislature in 2002, is an independent entity responsible for the operation of both Detroit Metro Airport and Willow Run Airport. Although the WCAA is prohibited by Federal law from funding development outside of the airport proper, the Authority says it nonetheless recognizes the WCAA's central role of providing the airport core that makes such an Aerotropolis possible.

Having welcomed more than 35 million passengers in 2008, Detroit Metro Airport is the busiest airport in Michigan and among the world's largest air transportation hubs. DTW is the second-largest hub for the world's largest airline, Delta, and offers nonstop service between southeast Michigan and more than 160 destinations around the globe.

After securing its place in history by the critical role it played in the mobilization effort for World War II, Willow Run Airport now serves as a major air cargo and general aviation facility. A study conducted by the University of Michigan-Dearborn in 2005 estimated the combined two airports' statewide economic impact to be upwards of \$7.8 billion, and the basis for more than 74,000 Michigan jobs.

"If given the support by the State Legislature that it deserves, one can only begin to imagine the potential a Detroit Region Aerotropolis would have to fuel economic development across Michigan," Robinson said. □

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National Guard Members Depart Taylor for Training, Assignment in Iraq



Fourteen members of the Michigan National Guard's 777th Military Police Detachment were sent off to training, then Iraq, with a ceremony held at the Taylor Armory.

Fourteen members of the Michigan National Guard from the 777th Military Police Detachment departed from the Taylor Armory on November 16 for four months of training at Fort Bliss, Texas, and then a one-year tour of duty in Iraq, where they will oversee detainee operations.

A farewell ceremony took place at the armory, located at 12450 Beech Daly Road.

The 777th MP Detachment was activated in October 2007, making it the first organization of its kind in the Michigan Army National Guard. The specialty unit is one of only ten in the entire Army Force Structure, which includes Active Duty, Army Reserves, and Army National Guard.

The mission of the 777th is to function as a U.S. Central Agency in each theater of war for the receipt, processing, maintenance, dissemination, and transmittal of required information and data relating to Enemy Prisoners of War/Civilian Internees, American prisoners of war, and dislocated civilians within their assigned theater.

Once the unit reaches its destination, it will relieve a reserve unit from Terra Haute, Indiana. Unit members will take over the responsibilities of managing the records and personal belongings of all detainees in theater interment facilities throughout Iraq. Additional tasks will involve assisting in the transition of authority and responsibility of detention facilities to the Iraqi government.

Members of the detachment include Lieutenant Colonel Edward Ziegenmeyer, Sergeant First Class (SFC) Ken Schneider, SFC Anthony Reimer, Staff Sergeant (SSG) Christopher Heath, SSG Jared Baron, Sergeant (SGT) Matthew Luttenberger, SGT Mark Schreiber, Specialist (SPC) Christa Dudley, SPC Rebecca East, SPC Daniel Hopkins, SPC Kenneth Ochenski, SPC Jessica Rock, SPC Joshua Sayles, and SPC Justin Winter.

Brigadier General Michael R. Nevin praised the Taylor community's support of the local National Guard unit. □



SSG Christopher Heath says good-bye. Photos by Dave Gorgon

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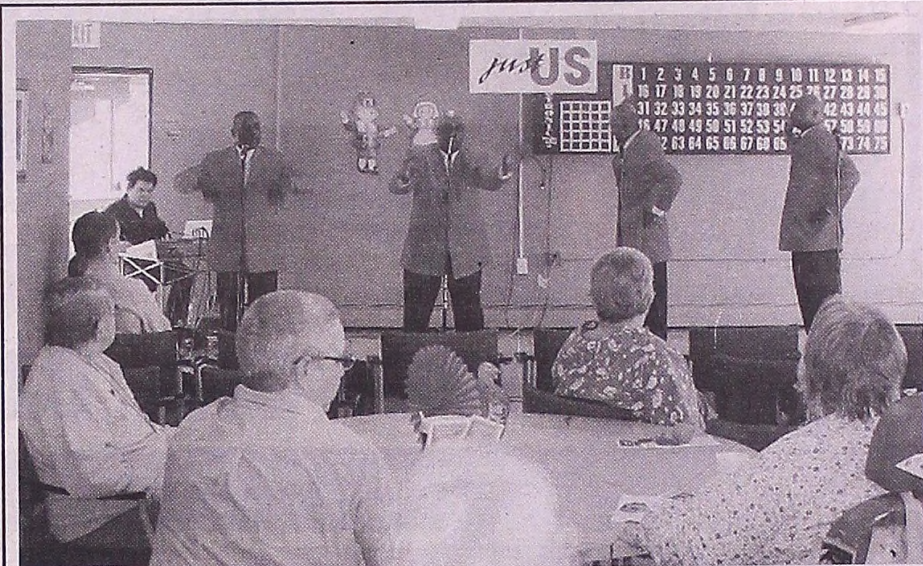
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Local Clinic Group Uses Music To Promote Health-care Awareness



"Just Us" – a singing group that has been performing free shows at area senior living facilities like Taylor's Oakwood Commons – is using music to promote health-care awareness.

Western Wayne Family Health Centers, a nonprofit health-care provider with clinics in Taylor and Inkster, is using music to generate awareness of issues important to senior citizens. "Music Is Good Medicine" – a show by the singing group "Just Us" – is being performed at senior living facilities throughout the Downriver communities of Taylor, Romulus, Inkster, and Huron and Brownstown townships.

According to Pete Bergeron, WWFHC chairman, the health centers offer primary care for uninsured and underinsured of all ages. Services include pediatric care, adult care, senior care (with the \$100 Medicare deductible waived) and flu shots. The health centers accept most health insurance plans and HMO coverage, and provide a sliding fee scale for patients without insurance.

"We thought that "Music Is Good Medicine" would be an effective means of

creating awareness and 'buzz' among the senior community", explained Bergeron. "When you can combine and communicate the services of WWFHC with great music and a terrific show, the results are that people will be talking about WWFHC for months. And when they need health care, they'll come to us rather than emergency rooms."

Being seniors themselves, "Just Us" relates well with their audience. And with this being Motown's 50th anniversary, the music and entertainment they offer cross all age groups.

"Just Us" can be seen at the Taylor Senior Center on November 20, the Romulus Senior Center on November 24, and the Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center December 2. They will also entertain meal guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen on Thanksgiving Day, November 26. □

News Notes from the City of Taylor

Identity Theft Information Meeting Is Open to Taylor Community

An Identity Theft Information Meeting will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, in the Taylor City Council Chambers in City Hall (23555 Goddard Road). The free meeting is open to the community.

Individuals who have been a victim of identity theft or are seeking information about identity theft are encouraged to attend. Discussion topics will include protection tips, child protection, current scams and statistics, and how victims cope. There also will be a question-and-answer session with identity-theft experts.

"Unfortunately, crimes involving identity theft and fraud are continuing to grow," said Taylor police Detective Lieutenant Mary Scabassi. "The damage and frustration it causes victims can be far reaching and take a very long time to resolve. We're hoping that, by providing the community

with tips to combat I.D. theft through this seminar, we can help prevent some of it."

Those interested in attending this meeting are asked to RSVP to Detective Lt. Scabassi at 734-374-1531 or by e-mail at mscabass@ci.taylor.mi.us.

Holiday Buffet Served at Lakes of Taylor

You don't have to work for days preparing a Thanksgiving feast for friends and family. Lakes of Taylor Golf Club (25505 Northline Road) will host a holiday buffet from 12 to 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 26), and staff will even take care of the cleanup.

The buffet will include honey-glazed ham, sliced turkey with corn-bread stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, sweet potato crunch, corn pudding, green bean casserole, and much more.

The entire meal is only \$14.95 per person (\$7.50 for children). Seating will be by reservation only; call 734-287-9001 to make your reservation. □



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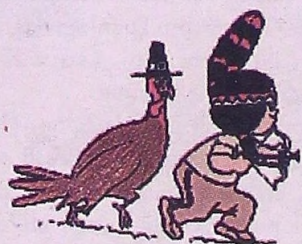
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Community Calendar

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Belleville

Service Remembers Deceased Children

A short but solemn program in remembrance of the community's beloved and greatly missed deceased children will be held at the Angel of Hope monument inside Belleville's Hillside Cemetery on Sunday, December 6, at 7 p.m. Candles, hot chocolate, and flowers for the dedication will be provided. Those who attend are invited to bring an ornament to decorate the spruce tree located near the angel.

For more information, or if you would like your child's name to be announced during the ceremony, call 734-697-5090.

Huron Township

H1N1 Mass Vaccination Walk-in Program

The Wayne County Department of Public Health will conduct two mass flu vaccination clinics at Huron High School (32044 Huron River Drive) – one on Saturday, November 21, and the other on Saturday, December 12 – for residents of Belleville, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Township, Riverview, Rockwood, Romulus, Trenton, Van Buren Township, and Woodhaven. Both programs will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Other clinics will be offered in Livonia and Lincoln Park in the near future. (Visit www.waynecounty.com for further information.)

FluMist nasal spray and injectable vaccine will be available at the clinics, free of charge, for priority at-risk residents based on age and health status. The targeted groups include:

- pregnant women,

- persons who live with or provide care for children less than 6 months of age,
- individuals 6 months to 24 years of age,
- adults (ages 25 to 64) who have underlying medical conditions, and
- health-care workers and emergency-response personnel.

The Health Department now offers preregistration for H1N1 vaccination on its Web site (see above). Residents and their families are encouraged to preregister by downloading and completing the immunization forms, then bringing them to the clinic to expedite the vaccination process.

Romulus

Free Stress-management Workshop

A free stress-management workshop will be offered at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on Wednesday, December 2, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The program will teach a combination of breathing and meditation techniques that create deep relaxation. Past participants have reported relief from anxiety, lowered blood pressure, improved focus, better sleep, and improved overall well-being.

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Church Holds Roast Beef Dinner

The Community United Methodist Church will hold a Roast Beef Dinner benefit for the Romulus Goodfellows' "No child without a Christmas" program on Saturday, December 12, from 5 to 7 p.m.

A delicious meal of roast beef, potatoes and gravy, veggies, salad, roll, dessert, and beverage will be available for a donation of \$8 for adults or \$4 for children over 5. Carry out and local delivery will be available.

The church is located at 11160 Olive Street, directly across from the Romulus Police Department. For information, call 734-941-0736.

Second Monday Book Club

Meetings of the Second Monday Book

Club – open to everyone 18 and older – are held at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Advance registration is not required for this free program; just read the suggested book, then drop in and enjoy the discussion and refreshments.

Books planned for discussion include:

- *Dreams From My Father* by Barack Obama (December 14), and
- *Forward From Here* by Reeve Lindbergh (January 11, 2010).

For information, call 734-942-7589.

Taylor

Teens-Only "Stop and Shop"

A Teens-Only Stop and Shop – to be held at the Taylor Recreation Center (22805 Goddard Road) on Saturday, November 21, from noon to 4 p.m. – will put a positive spin on recycling clothes with its "your old is someone else's new" theme.

Teen boys and girls, ages 13 to 18, can shop for gently used clothing (including Homecoming and Prom attire), belts, hats, shoes, purses, jewelry, and more.

The event is open to the public. Admis-

sion is \$1. For information, call the Recreation Center (734-374-3906) weekdays.

Saturday Morning Drawing Program

A drop-in drawing program, sponsored by the Taylor Cultural Arts Commission, is now being offered at the Taylor Recreation Center. The program meets at the Center (22805 Goddard Road, just west of Pardee Road) from 9 a.m. to noon each Saturday. Dates through the remainder of the year are November 21 and December 5 and 12. The program will continue through May 2010.

The program is open to adult artists – residents and nonresidents – of all levels of experience. Beginners are welcome. Emphasis is placed on drawing and painting people in any medium. Professional models are used.

The sessions are run in a college-level, open-workshop format. There is no regular instruction; however, help and advice from fellow artists will be available.

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A dozen senior golfers took top honors at the 16th annual Senior Appreciation Day golf outing at Taylor Meadows Golf Club.

Winners of the Mondays Men's Division were Jimmy Attee and Ted Berle, who had a seven-under-par score of 64. Their victory was determined by a scorecard play-off in which a tie was broken by a regressive check of the hardest handicapped holes. Attee and Berle earned a birdie on the toughest hole, No. 7, to earn the win.

Taking the Mondays Ladies' Division with a three-over 74 were Marge Renko and Sharron Gibratz.

Bill and Kathy Herrick, who entered the clubhouse with an eight-over score of 79, were the winners of the Mondays Mixed Division.

The Tuesdays Men's Division winners were Pat Frame and Dave Baker, who finished the round with an impressive nine-under-par 62. Winners in the Tuesdays Ladies' Division were Patte Stevens and Pat Yacuone, who shot 90. The Tuesdays Mixed Division winners, with an even-par score of 71, were Robert and Roberta Tremmell.

One of the tournament's highlights came on the 281-yard, par-4 ninth hole. Jack Stewart holed a 50-yard pitch from the fairway to give his team a birdie.

"It was the best shot I saw all day — quite frankly, one of the best I've seen on

that hole," said Mike Jarvi, an outing coordinator at Taylor Meadows.

Earning closest-to-the-pin honors during the two-day tournament were Shirley Hollman, Bernie Tockstein, Dennis Moore, Connie Shotwell, and Dave Melotti.

Each day of the tournament attracted 144 Downriver-area golfers, ages 55 and up. The tournament was a two-person scramble in each of the three divisions. For less than \$40, each team played 18 holes of golf (with a cart), which was followed by an awards ceremony and dinner at the Greenside Grille inside the clubhouse.

"This event is truly our way to show our seniors how much they are valued," said Jeff Sovitch, operations manager at Taylor Meadows.

"It's always nice to see so many regulars all together between the two days for an event that's meant to be fun," added golf course supervisor Scott Hunt.

Organizers said the 16th annual Senior Appreciation Outing was a success, thanks in part to the cooperative weather.

"It's a fun send-off for the end of the year," Hunt said. "So many players came up to me saying how much they enjoyed the event and look forward to it each year."

For information on upcoming events at Taylor Meadows and Lakes of Taylor Golf Club, visit www.TaylorGolf.com. □

The Stork Arrived

Jayden Alexandria Bullock

James Bullock and Lori Loshier of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Jayden Alexandria Bullock. Jayden was born in Oakwood Southshore Medical Center (Trenton, MI) at 6:01 a.m. on Friday, September 18, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 20 1/4 in. in length.

Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were Jayden's paternal grandparents, David and Helen Bullock, and maternal grandparents, Dale Loshier and Pam Murphy (all of Romulus).



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Obituaries

Fritz J. Ditsch

Fritz J. Ditsch of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Monday, November 9, 2009, at the age of 67.

The son of the late Harold J. and Marie (Nichols) Ditsch was born in Mishawaka, Indiana, on Monday, June 1, 1942.

Fritz enjoyed his family and pets (dogs Sassy and Lacy and cat Tommy), as well as computers, TV, fishing, and traveling. He was an avid fan of the Detroit Tigers, and had been in the process of restoring a 1955 Studebaker.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia L. (Holliday) Ditsch; his daughter, Linda K. (Daniel) Chapman; 2 sons, David J. Ditsch

and Robert J. Ditsch; a grandson, Jordan Ditsch; 2 brothers, Han (Carol) Ditsch and Lorne (Betty) Ditsch; and 2 sisters, Virginia Meyers and Hazel Puckett.

Among those who preceded him in passing were 2 brothers, August and Harold, Jr., and 2 sisters, Martha and Mary.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, November 14, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Pastor Eric Cedo (Family Christian Church) officiating. Interment was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

Memorial tributes to the American Diabetes Association would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Ricardo Armando "Rick" Villanueva

Ricardo Armando "Rick" Villanueva of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, October 29, 2009, at the age of 49.

The son of George and the late Paula (Montes) Villanueva was born in Detroit, Michigan, on May 26, 1960.

Rick had a wonderful childhood. A Catholic, he attended both parochial and public schools, and was an altar boy at church. He enjoyed being outdoors and playing basketball with his friends, and also loved karate. He was just shy of earning his black belt when he graduated from high school in 1977 and joined the Air Force for a two-year stint, spending most of his time stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, and receiving an honorable discharge at the end.

Rick took college and technical classes and worked at a variety of jobs – including salesman, accountant, and butcher – before completing training and earning his certification as a truck driver. For the last nine years, he was employed first at Motor Carrier Specialist, Inc., and then Pro Logistics, Inc. (both located in Romulus).

A fan of all sports, Rick particularly loved his hometown teams: the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Red Wings, and, yes, even the Detroit Lions. His hobbies included working on cars, doing yard work (he had a "green thumb"), playing basketball, and working out at the gym. Rick also loved shopping, especially for sweets. (He was a true chocoholic!) He enjoyed going to family functions to try the many different foods and spend time with his loved ones.

Sandra (Mink) Villanueva, Rick's wife of nearly 17 years, said he was a man with a strong work ethic and a great sense of humor, a wonderful provider, and the sweetest husband in the world. He was loved by all who knew him because he was so generous and sincere – a good listener



Rick Villanueva

who was both perceptive and compassionate. Rick was also a lover of animals, especially his three cats: Cream Cicle (aka C.C.), Bright Eyes, and Sugar Bear (whom he saved from near death when he picked him up from a foot-high snow bank in the middle of a divided highway).

He will be greatly missed.

Rick is survived by his wife; his father (Brownsville, TX); and four siblings, twins Daniel (Bonita) Villanueva (Detroit) and Diane (Curtis) Puckett (San Antonio, TX), Arturo (Sandy) Villanueva (Detroit), and Irene (Paul) Villanueva (Washington, D.C.). He also leaves many nephews and nieces.

A funeral mass was held on Thursday, November 5, at Our Lady of the Woods Catholic Church (Woodhaven, MI), with Father Rick Macey officiating. Interment was at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery (Southgate, MI).

A wake at Downriver American/Italian Hall (Wyandotte, MI) followed the burial.

Send condolences to the family (before December 2) and view a video tribute of Rick at www.martensonfuneralhome.com.

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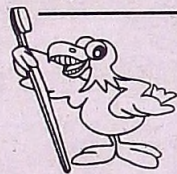
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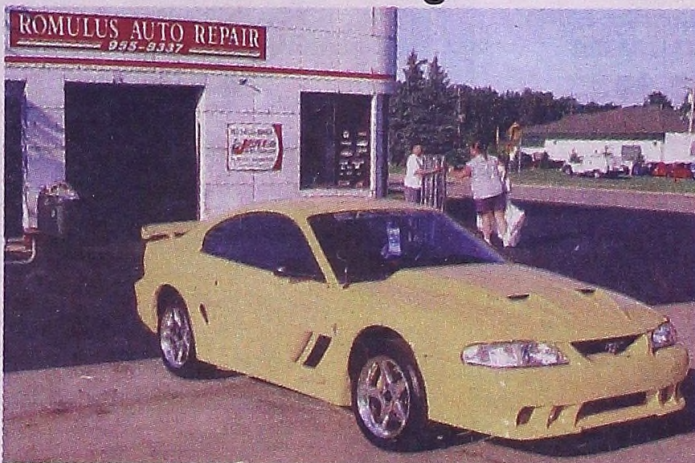


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